

Highnam C of E Primary Academy



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CHILDREN WITH CONFIDENCE

1ST OCTOBER 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well done to all our pupils for settling so well into their new classes. Recently, we held our virtual Academy Council and House Captain votes. Congratulations to everyone who put themselves forward for nomination and it was lovely to witness the caring spirit in which the voting took place.

House Cross Country

Today (after a 24 hour delay due to the weather) we held our first house competition of the year — House Cross Country. Every pupil in the school had the opportunity to take part and represent one of the four houses: Lassington, Maidenhall, Oakridge and Wetherleigh. The pupils were cheered on as they headed round the school field — well done to all the participants.

At the end of the event the results were in and Wetherleigh were crowned the winners this year.



Reception Parents' Meeting

Before half term, we would normally hold a reading and phonics workshop for the parents of pupils in school. This will now be provided virtually. Once it is uploaded we will provide parents with details of how to access it.

Parents' Evening

Due to the Coronavirus risk assessments in place in school, we are unable to hold face to face parents' evenings. Our intention is to hold telephone consultations during the week beginning 16th November.

New Reception Pupils

It has been super to see how well the new Reception pupils have settled into the school. They are now into the routine of hot lunches and have been working very hard in class. Thank you to Mrs King, Mrs Cresswell, Mrs Jones and Miss Cooney for helping them during this transition into school. Thank you to parents and grandparents who have helped with the transition into 'big' school!



School Closure

If for any reasons the school needs to be closed, we will inform you via text and you can check the GCC website:

<https://closures.gloucestershire.gov.uk/>

A reminder that if a positive COVID case occurs outside of school hours, please use this email to inform the school:

test@primaryquest.co.uk

Tel: 01452 525872

www.highnam.gloucs.sch.uk

email: admin@highnam.gloucs.sch.uk

Harvest Festival

A few of our year group bubbles will be visiting Highnam Church on the 5th and 6th October for 'Experience Harvest'. Thank you to Reverend Helen and the team for organising this.

We will be posting our harvest collective worship online for pupils and families to enjoy at home. At this time, the work of the foodbank is so important. This year our harvest donations will go to Gloucester Foodbank. Please send in non-perishable donations during the week of the 5th-9th October. Thank you for your support.

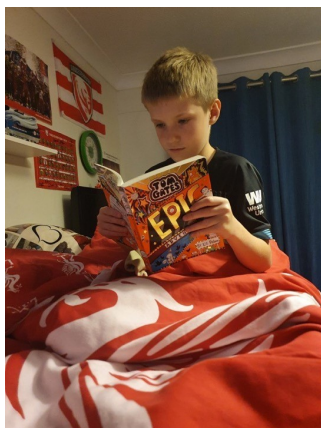


Term Dates

A quick reminder that Term 1 finishes on Wednesday 21st October at normal time. Term 2 begins on Monday 2nd November.

PTA Summer RED Challenge

Congratulations to the 50 pupils who took part in the PTA summer RED challenge. Pupils were encouraged to read and run every day during the summer holidays to raise money for the school. Thank you to all who took part.



Henry and Bella enjoying a good read during the summer challenge

Parking near the Academy

Can I thank parents for all their help when parking on the roads near to the Academy. Please park on the road to allow pushchairs and bikes past and be mindful of our disabled bay and residents' driveways. Thank you for keeping the lower part of Wetherleigh Drive free from traffic, it makes a real difference in the mornings and afternoons.

Messy Church

Sadly, we won't be able to hold our Messy Church after school club this term. However, the team created a takeaway bag. I hope this has been well utilised at home. Thank you to the Messy Church team.



PTA News

Thank you to the PTA team last year and those who supported their work. Despite a disrupted year the team, with your support they raised £2750 for the school.

I am delighted to announce the same team will be in post for the 20/21 academic year - although more support is always needed so please email the office if you would like to be part of the committee.

The first event is the PTA Pizza Challenge. Please see the attached flyer and get designing...oh and eating!

Water bottles

Please can we request that the water bottles pupils use are a similar size to the school ones as the larger ones don't fit in the water coolers and can cause floods. We have converted all the mouth water stations into bottle fill up stations. Please can I remind parents water only in the bottles so spillages don't damage books and pupils' work.

School Website and Twitter

The school website and our Twitter feed are both good ways of keeping up to date with the latest news from the Academy.

Currently there are over 500 followers on twitter. You can also keep up to date with Primary QuEST new @PrimaryQuEST.

Finally, you can also download the mobile app to keep up to date with the latest news. Guidance on how to do this is on the school website.



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Lego Challenge

A few weeks ago our Year 5 pupils took part in a Lego STEM challenge. The pupils developed their programming skills and developed their teamwork skills. Congratulations to Amelia, Darcie and Zariah who were the overall winners.



Evie and Isabella working hard on their robot

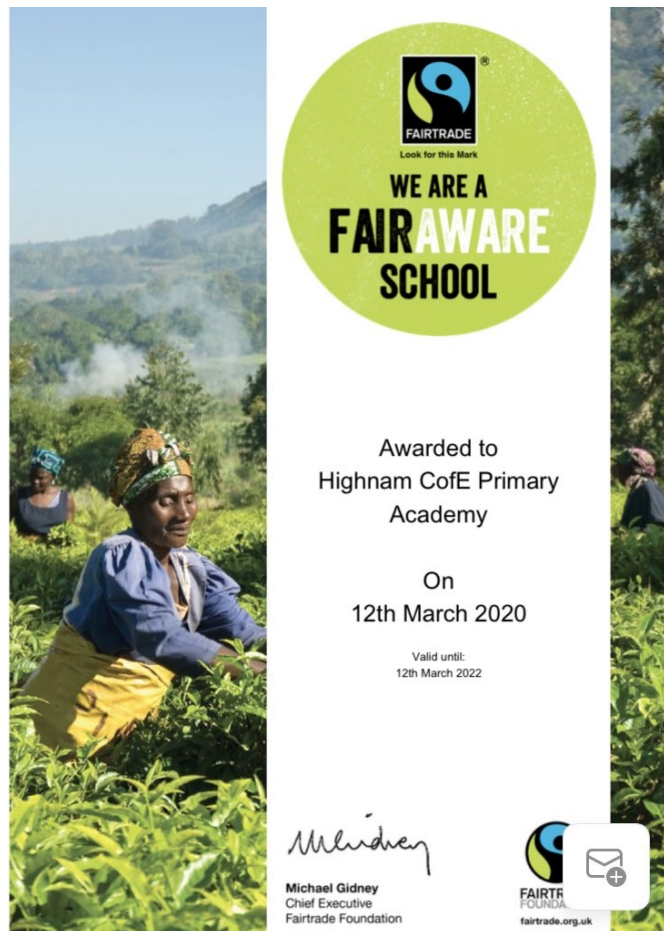
Welly Wednesday

It has been so good to see the pupils in the infant classes enjoying their outdoor learning space and the forest area. Thank you to the team of adults who support the pupils' outdoor learning opportunities.



Fairtrade Award

A big well done to our academy council from last year who worked with Miss Gent on a Fair Trade Award. The school is now a FairAware School and works hard to support the work of Fairtrade.



Kind regards,

Stephen Dean, Headteacher

Dates for your diary

October

1st	House Cross Country	PM
2nd	Year 6 Multi-story Orchestra Singing Opportunity	PM
5th	Year 4 Experience Harvest at Highnam Church	PM
6th	Year 3 Experience Harvest at Highnam Church	AM
	Year 2 Experience Harvest at Highnam Church	PM
8th	Year 4 Wilderness Day	All day
	PTA Pizza Night	PM
9th	Year 6 Multi-story Orchestra Singing Opportunity	PM
14th	Year 6 Knex Challenge	AM
21st	End of Term 1 for pupils	PM
22nd	Inset for Staff	All day

November

2nd	Start of Term 2	AM
5th	School Photographs	AM
9th	Flu immunisation day	All day
16th +	Parents' Evening	After school

December

18th	End of Term 2	2:30pm
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January

4th	Inset for Staff	All day
5th	Start of Term 3 for pupils	AM